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**"Our children deserve a high quality education with the best teachers and leaders. Making sure that our school principals and administrators have good training and the right tools will help build a solid foundation for student success," Rep. Melancon said. "Increasing the number of top-notch teachers and administrators in our schools is critical to improving education in Louisiana."**

The Department of Education's School Leadership Program offers financial support to aspiring principals and to current principals who mentor new principals. It also provides professional development programs in instructional leadership and management to current administrators.

"As the Superintendent of Terrebonne Parish School District, I see the continuous need to ensure that school leaders stay current with best practices in education so that we can meet the needs of our students," said Philip Martin, superintendent of the Terrebonne Parish School District. "It is also vital that we attract aspiring school leaders by offering advanced professional development that builds leadership capacity, which results in an increase in student achievement."

In Congress, Rep. Melancon has voted for [hundreds of millions in federal funding](#) for Louisiana to help modernize school facilities, save teaching jobs, boost funding for low-income school districts and support special education and related services for students with disabilities. In September, Rep. Melancon voted for [Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act](#), which will invest \$75.8 million for k-12 school construction projects in Louisiana over the next two years.

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